

Idioms

Exercise 1 - Match the sentences to the pictures and then fill in the blanks with the parts of the body from the list. You may use each word only once.

Eye eyes nose chest head head back mind heart arm heels feet

- A, Doctor, there's something I need to get off my _____.
- B, I don't know what's wrong with the boss today I only asked a question and she bit my _____ off!
- C, We weren't really arguing until Basil came along and decided to stick his _____ in.
- D, I can't possibly meet you for lunch today. I'm up to my _____ in work at the moment.
- E, As she walked up the aisle towards Barry, Linda started to get cold _____.
- F, When John left me for another woman, he broke my _____.
- G, I have to sit near the water's edge so I can keep an _____ on Emma.
- H, Oh all right, I'll come and watch it with you. You've twisted my _____.
- I, I fell _____ over _____ in love with her the moment I saw her, but she doesn't want to know me.
- J, As I walked away, I could hear them whispering about me behind my _____.
- K, He was in the shop for ages because he couldn't make up his _____ which T-shirt to buy.

Exercise 2 - Replace the word or phrase in bold in sentences 1-10 with one of the idioms from the list below, changing verb forms, pronouns, etc as necessary.

For example: It **would make me very sad** if anything happened to my cat.



It **would break my heart** if anything happened to my cat.

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| a) have/get cold feet | e) break sb's heart | i) bite sb's head off |
| b) head over heels in love | f) keep an eye on sb/sth | j) be up to your eyes in sth |
| c) behind sb's back | g) poke/stick your nose in(to sth) | k) make up your mind |
| d) twist sb's arm | h) get sth off your chest | |

- 1) Could you **watch** my bags for me while I go into the shop, please? _____
- 2) The way we bring up the children is our business. I don't want your mother **interfering!** _____
- 3) Mark and Emma are both still **crazy about each other** even after five years. _____
- 4) He was going to report it to the police, but at the last minute he **felt too scared** and decided to keep quiet. _____
- 5) Why not tell him how you feel? It might do you good to **talk about it.** _____
- 6) Fran says she's too busy to come to the party tonight. See if you can **persuade her.** _____
- 7) You'll just have to **decide** which one you want. I'm not waiting any longer! _____
- 8) When I asked him what he wanted to eat, he **just shouted at me.** _____
- 9) It's not fair of us to discuss Jo's work **without her knowing about it.** _____
- 10) We're so busy because we've just moved house and we **have got loads** of boxes that need unpacking. _____

